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Statement

Number of KVKs in different States/Union Territories

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of KVKs			
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	17.	Madhya Pradesh	16
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16	18.	Maharashtra	23
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	19.	Manipur	1
4.	Assam	4	20.	Meghalaya	1
5.	Bihar	16	21.	Mizoram	2
6.	Chhattisgarh	4	22.	Nagaland	1
7.	Delhi	1	23.	Orissa	12
8.	Goa	1	24.	Pondicherry	2
9.	Gujarat	10	25.	Punjab	10
10.	Haryana	12	26.	Rajasthan	31
11.	Himachal Pradesh	8	27.	Sikkim	1
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	4	28.	Tamil Nadu	16
13.	Jharkhand	5	29.	Tripura	2
14.	Karnataka	11	30.	Uttar Pradesh	28
15.	Kerala	9	31.	Uttaranchal	2
16.	Lakshadweep	1	32.	West Bengal	9
TOTAL					261

Oilseeds production

2886. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present level of oilseeds production is sufficient to meet the demands of the country;

(b) if not, what are the details of the efforts being made to increase the production of oilseeds;

(c) the production of oilseeds during the last three years; and

(d) the demand of oilseeds during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. There is a gap between demand and supply of oilseeds/edible oils and the gap is met through import of edible oils.

(b) In order to increase the production and the productivity of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in 28 States covering 396 selected districts. Under the programme financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and PSB/micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst farmers, frontline demonstrations are organised by the I.C.A.R. Besides, block and integrated pest management demonstrations are organised through State Department of Agriculture. A new component of crash programme for quality seed production of groundnut and soyabean has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan. In order to meet the demand of seed during natural calamities, a seed bank programme has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan.

In addition other unconventional sources of oils like rice bran, cotton seed, mango kernel and oilseeds of tree origin are also being harnessed.

(c) and (d) The production of oilseeds during the last 3 year is as under:

Year	Production (in 000 tonnes)
1997-98	21324.7
1998-99	24748.2
1999-2000	20871.6

As per the requirement of oilseeds, the Planning Commission had

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fixed the target for the production of oilseeds as well as the requirement of edible oils according to normative approach for the last 3 years is as under:

(in lakh tonnes)		
Year	Target	Demand of edible oils
1997-98	255.00	65.20
1998-99	270.00	66.40
1999-2000	270.00	67.60

Development and Growth of Coconut Industry

2887. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures were adopted and recommended by the Coconut Development Board for development and growth of coconut industry in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country during the last five years;

(b) the results achieved therefrom;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Board has done nothing for the growth of industry except few seminars; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to make the Board functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) For increasing production and productivity of coconuts, the Coconut Development Board is implementing programmes for area expansion under coconut, production and distribution of quality planting material through regional coconut nurseries and Demonstration-cum-Seed Production Farms established by the Board for hybrid seed production. The Board is also implementing programme on integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement through removal of disease affected trees, laying out demonstration plots in farmers field and assistance for production of organic manure. For promoting product diversification and by-product